(b) what are the new items identified to be covered in the trade between India and Pakistan; and

(c) what is the trade target set for 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL): (a) Discussions at the official level and exchange of trade delegations are measures taken for promoting Indo-Pak trade.

(b) and (c) It is intended to broaden trade exchanges with Pakistan in the entire range of products. No trade targets are fixed for this purpose.

Wage Agreement with Manganese Ore India Limited

1018. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently recommended some increase in the emoluments of workers of Manganese Ore India Limited, Nagpur over and above the benefits accruing from wage agreement reached on 14th February, 1990 between the Management and the Union;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of the said increase;

(c) whether orders have been issued giving effect to the increase; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government do not see any reason why the Wage agreement reached between the Management and the Union should be revised.

Implementation of 'Shallow Depth Mining Scheme'

1019. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 1st January, 1991 has been received from the Bharat Gold Mines Employees' Union (CITU), Karnataka pleading for implementation of 'Shallow Depth Mining Scheme' for more profitable results as proposed by an Expert Commitee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Memorandum has stated that Shallow Gold Deposits which are available in the Kolar Fields should be taken up for exploitation and this would be more profitable than deep mining and also generate additional employment. This may also avoid transfer of workmen to outside projects causing hardship to them

Government are examining the techno-economic feasibility of working the Shallow Gold Deposits at KGF and a decision will be taken after such examination.

Nominees of Central Government on the Board of Management of Regional Rural Banks

1020. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of nominees of the Central Government on the Boards of Management of various Regional Rural Banks, who are continuing for more than two years;

(b) what are the details thereof, banks-wise; and

(c) by when such nominees are likely to be replaced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) In terms of section 9(1) (a) of the RRBS Act, 1976 (As amended in 1988), the Central Government nominates two non-official directors on the Board of each Regional Rural Bank. Central Government has, therefore, to nominate a total of 392 non-official directors on the Boards of 196 Regional Rural Banks. As per records 230 non-official directors have completed their term of two years, 70 are yet to complete the two year term and the remaining 92 posts are vacant. The bank-wise position of number of non-official directors, who have completed the two year term and are continuing is given in the annexure.

(*See* Appendix CLVII, Annexure No. 24)

(c) The appointment of non-official directors in Regional Rural Banks as the Central Government nominees, is a continuous exercise, and as such no time frame for the same can be stipulated.

Vacant posts of District Savings Officers in National Savings Organisation.

1021. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for keeping nearly 160 posts of Field Officers (District Savings Officers) vacant in the National Savings Organisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that these vacancies have remained unfilled since 1989; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to fill up these vacancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A proposal to restructure the National Savings Organisation (NSO) with a view to making it more effective is under the consideration of the Government. Pending the completion of process of restructuring, it has been decided to keep these posts vacant.

Production and export of Tea

1022. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of tea produced during 1989-90;

(b) what quantity of tea out of the total production was exported and what was the average export rate per kg.; and

(c) what are the names of the countries to which tea was exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) The quantity of tea produced and exported during 1989-90 and per kg. export realisation is as under:-

Production (M. Kgs.)	Export (M. Kgs.)	Value Realisation (Rs./Kg.)
702·81	203 00 (E) (E)-Estimated	44·60

(c) The names of the major countries to which tea was exported are as under:—

U.K.
Ireland
West Germany
The Netherlands
U.S.S.R.
Poland
U.S.A.
Iran
U.A.E.
Iraq
Saudi Arabia
A.R.F.
Tunisia
Morocco
Afganisthan
Japan
Pakistan